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SUBJECT: REFUGEE TRAVEL EXPENSES

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1. REFUGEES TRAVELLING FROM RESETTLEMENT CENTERS TO SPONSORS' LOCATIONS HAVE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF THE TRAVELERS AID/AMERICAN RED CROSS (TAARC) REFUGEE TRAVEL CONTROL PROGRAM ASKED TAARC REPRESENTATIVES AT EN ROUTE TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS TO PAY FOR MEALS DURING TRAVEL LAYOVERS, CLAIMING THAT THEY HAD NO MONEY.

2. TAARC REPRESENTATIVES ARE AUTHORIZED (REFTEL) TO PAY FOR SUCH EXPENSES ONLY IN INSTANCES WHERE, DUE TO CANCELLED FLIGHTS OR MISSED CONNECTIONS, A LAYOVER IS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, SUCH AS OVERNIGHT.

3. ACCORDING TO VOLAG NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, PRIOR TO REFUGEES' DEPARTURE FOR SPONSORS' LOCATIONS, VOLAG REPRESENTATIVES AT THE RESETTLEMENT CENTERS ARE NOW GIVING ALL REFUGEES ENOUGH TRAVEL POCKET MONEY TO PAY FOR NORMAL LAYOVER FOOD COSTS.

4. ACTION: (A) CIVIL COORDINATORS: YOU SHOULD ADVISE VOLAG REPRESENTATIVES IN THEIR PREDEPARTURE BRIEFINGS OF REFUGEES TO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE POCKET MONEY IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO PAY FOR EVENTUALITIES SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED IN PARA. (3) ABOVE, AND THAT THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO USE IT FOR THAT PURPOSE IF CIRCUMSTANCES SO REQUIRED. (B) TRAVELERS AID/AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, REPRESENTATIVES AT TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS SHOULD USE DISCRETION IN THE GRANTING OF REFUGEE REQUESTS TO PAY FOR LAYOVER MEALS EXCEPT IN THOSE FEW INSTANCES WHEN UNANTICIPATED OVERNIGHTS ARE REQUIRED. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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